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**PETITION TO REVIVE
ABANDONED APPLICATION
UNDER
37 C.F.R. §1.137(b)**

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Attorney Docket	GUID-008CON2
Confirmation No.	2852
First Named Inventor	Benetti
Application Number	10/670,152
Filing Date	09/24/2003
Group Art Unit	3733
Examiner Name	Philogene, Pedro
Title	Xyphoid Access for Surgical Procedures

Sir:

Applicants, by way of this Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b), request revival of the above-captioned application, which is currently abandoned, and that the Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith be entered, together with the Amendment filed concurrently herewith, as well as the Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 filed on June 29, 2006, for consideration by the Examiner.

The petition fee as set forth in 37CFR 1.17(m) is also included herewith.

Applicants state that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the final due date for the reply until the filing of this petition was unintentional.

RELIEF REQUESTED

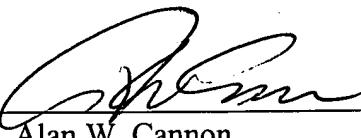
Accordingly, the Commissioner is respectfully requested to revive the present application from the holding of abandonment and resume examination of the present application on the merits, by considering the contents of the Request for Continued Examination and Amendment filed concurrently herewith, as well as the Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 filed on June 29, 2006.

No fees in addition to those mentioned above in this petition are believed to be due. However, if for any reason a fee should be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fee, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2653, order number G UID-008CON2.

Respectfully submitted,
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